

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

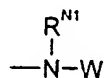
(a) K is =O, L is-H, a is a single bond, β is a double bond, γ is a single bond ("acridone"); or:

(b) K is a 9-substituent, L is absent, α is a double bond, β is a single bond, γ is a double bond ("acridine");

J¹ is a 2-or 3-substituent; and,

J² is a 6-or 7-substituent:

and wherein J¹ and J² are each independently a group of the formula:

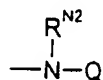


R^{N1} is independently a nitrogen substituent and is hydrogen,

C₁₋₇alkyl, C₃₋₂₀heterocyclcyl, or C₅₋₂₀aryl, and is optionally substituted; and,

W is independently C₁₋₇alkyl, C₃₋₂₀heterocyclyl, or C₅₋₂₀aryl, and is optionally substituted;

and wherein, when K is a 9-substituent, K is a group of the formula:



wherein:

R^{N2} is independently a nitrogen substituent and is hydrogen, C₁₋₇alkyl, C₃₋₂₀heterocyclyl, or C₅₋₂₀aryl, and is optionally substituted; and,

Q is independently C₁₋₇alkyl, C₃₋₂₀heterocyclyl, or C₅₋₂₀aryl, and is optionally substituted;

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts, esters, amides, solvates, hydrates, and protected forms thereof.

Claims 2-77 (canceled)